

PRESS RELEASE - July 10, 1963

Leading members of the Bar throughout the nation, both white and Negro, have volunteered their services for the newly organized Lawyers' Committee on Civil Rights Under Law, according to an announcement by Harrison Tweed and Bernard G. Segal, Co-Chairmen of the Committee.

The Committee was formed at the request of President Kennedy at a White House Conference of lawyers on June 21, at which the President stressed the contribution which the nation's lawyers could make towards assuring that all citizens enjoy equal rights under law. At that Conference the President asked Messrs. Segal and Tweed to assume the Co-Chairmanship of the Lawyers' Committee.

Among the lawyers who have volunteered to serve on the Committee are 5 past Presidents of the American Bar Association, the Presidents of the State Bar Associations of 12 states, 4 members of the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association, 3 officials of the N.A.A.C.P. and its legal Defense Committee, the Deans of 12 law schools, the President of Howard University, the President and past President of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the President and Director of the American Law Institute, 5 members of the Executive Coun-

cil of the Junior Bar Conference of the American Bar Association, Officers of the American Judicature Society, and many other leaders of the organized bar.

The Co-Chairmen of the Committee stated that the Committee plans to stimulate, supervise and participate in various activities helpful to a solution of the problems in the field of civil rights under law, for which lawyers are especially qualified to take the lead. The Committee will serve as a liaison between the government and the legal professions as problems develop. It will also serve as a central agency to which lawyers of the country can report situations as they arise and make suggestions so that, where possible, action can be secured. In conducting its activities the Co-Chairmen stated that the Committee would seek the cooperation of the American Bar Association and state and local bar associations.

Mr. Tweed and Mr. Segal reported that Committee members have already played a prominent role in stimulating action on the part of the organized bar in the civil rights area, including the formation of bi-racial committees of lawyers. The Committee Co-Chairmen noted the following recent examples:

The State Bar Association of New Hampshire adopted a resolution offered by its President, Joseph A. Millimet of Manchester, New Hampshire, which called upon the members of

the Association to volunteer their services as counsel in cases of a claimed violation of civil rights where local counsel in the Southern states were not available.

In New York, yesterday, Herbert Brownell, President of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York appointed a bi-racial Committee on Civil Rights headed by Judge Francis E. Rivers, of the Civil Court of the City of New York.

In North Carolina, the constitution of the charter of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County Bar Association was amended to admit every attorney to the business and social membership regardless of race or color.

In Birmingham, Alabama, members of the Committee have asked the President of the Birmingham Bar Association to take steps enabling Negroes to become members of that Association.

In California, William P. Gray, President of the California Bar Association, and a member of the Lawyers' Committee, held a meeting this week with the leaders of 101 California bar associations for the purpose of working together in the solution of civil rights in local communities.

In New Jersey, the President of the New Jersey Bar Association, Walter Leichter, will meet on July 12 with the

President of the 21 County Bar Associations in New Jersey to explore ways in which lawyers can be helpful in the civil rights area.

In North Carolina, California, and Ohio, resolutions have been adopted within the past two weeks, by state or county bar associations establishing bi-racial committees to work in the civil rights area. In a number of other states Committee members are taking the initiative in proposing the formation of bi-racial committees.

Mr. Tweed and Mr. Segal stated that the excellent response from lawyers throughout the nation indicated a most encouraging beginning for the Committee's work.

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July 17, 1963

**TO MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COUNCIL:-**

I am attaching a memorandum covering the meeting at The White House on July 11, 1963, at which approximately 70 of you were present.

In transmission I would point out the racial problem is a serious one. It does or can involve every business and community as well as the country, and its resolution is urgent.

In the meeting, the President suggested three specific things of the Business Council members. The items relating to education, training, dropouts and opportunity for employment are things which each of us according to our own circumstances has to face up to on his own. The opportunity to participate and exert a constructive influence, of course, is there for each one of us. These matters can be kept alive as subjects of importance in our meetings, at which time exchange of experiences, constructive ideas and accomplishments can be had. Out of this, a sound basis of information and counsel with the Government can be developed and carried forward where needed through our regular channels.

The matter of legislation is a matter for Congress and the Administration. All the Council can and should do on this is to remind those who were present at the meeting of the President's

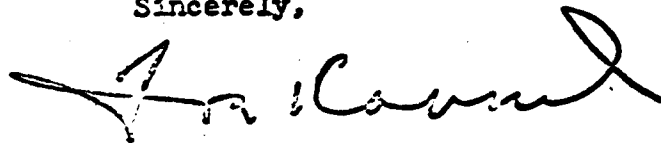
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request and to call the matter to the attention of those who were not there. Your response and action will depend on your own study and judgment of the legislation.

This is being sent along at this time in order that you may have the material available for whatever use you may wish to make of it.

The Liaison Group for the White House - Messrs. Thomas J. Watson, Jr., Chief; Henry Ford II; Juan T. Trippe; as well as myself - will keep this before us as a matter for active discussion with the White House and the various departments of the Government concerned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Edgar Hoover". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "H" and a long, trailing "er" at the end.

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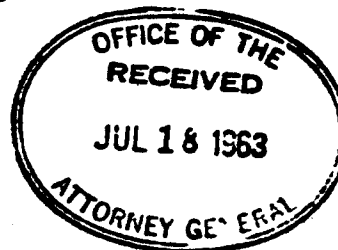
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Yours truly,

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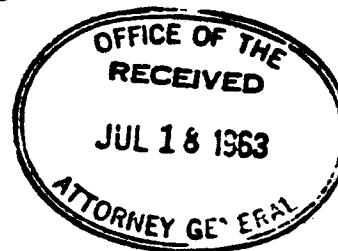
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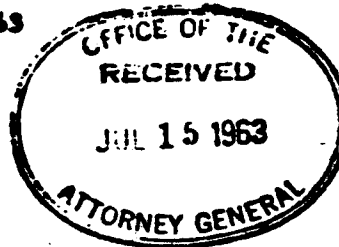
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*Philip Neville*  
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*J. W. Richman*  
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July 10, 1963



Honorable Robert Kennedy  
Attorney General of the United States  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

I have and thank you for your letter of June 28, 1963 respecting the meeting we had with the President on the lawyers' responsibilities in the field of civil rights.

While I must confess that on a number of issues I have found myself in disagreement with you, your observations at the meeting the other Friday met with my whole-hearted support, and, frankly, I was appalled at the response of the lawyers present. I considered the President's remarks, the observations of the Vice President and your detailed statement to be totally nonpartisan, objective and pitched on a high moral plane. The response of Sylvester Smith that the ABA was going to appoint a committee to study the problem was a totally inadequate response, and the partisan efforts of the other individuals to make position statements seemed to me to misconceive the purpose of the meeting and the response called for. I therefore feel doubly obligated to render any service I can on behalf of the cause.

You have perhaps seen the statement made by the southern university law school deans and faculty members which was released for publication over the week end. We were able to get literally one hundred percent participation of our faculty members who were on campus at the time we received the proposed statement from Elliott Cheatham at Vanderbilt. The statement received good publicity in the Sunday Times Herald and I think the reaction has been favorable.

Since you and Mr. Marshall already know of the activities of C. A. Tatum and the Committee of 14 in Dallas, I will not go into that in great detail other than to say that I shall be working closely with Tatum. When I reported to him on our meeting with the President, he informed me that the Dallas Restaurant Association had just agreed to integrate, and that covers 900-odd of the 1200-odd eating places in the city.

We have found, much to our embarrassment, an unfortunate situation existing in the local Dallas Bar Association. Negroes have not been admitted to the Dallas Bar, although they are, of course, members of the State Bar which is an integrated bar. Talbot Rain, who was with me at the President's conference, and I will be working on the Dallas Bar Association situation with the directors and membership committee over the next several weeks.

Again, let me say that if I can be of any assistance at any time, do not hesitate to call on me.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. W. Riehm', with a stylized, cursive script.

J. W. Riehm

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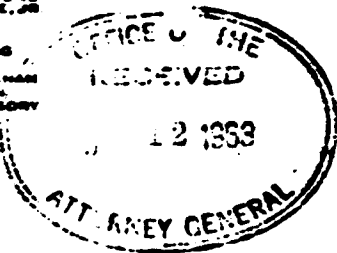
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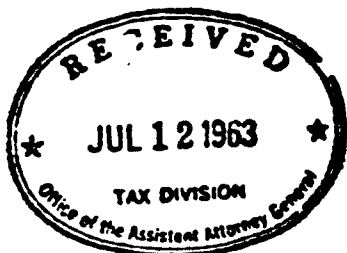
Honorable Robert F. Kennedy  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Your letter dated June 28, 1963 has been received. I shall be most happy to participate in any program in the New York City area which will further the cause of human dignity.

As you know, there are significant problems involving civil rights and civil liberties in every area of the Country. In the New York City area, practices of segregation and discrimination are much more subtle than they are in the South. Nonetheless, they do exist. In New York segregation in the use of public facilities is virtually non-existent. However, there is discrimination in employment and housing. Steps are continually being taken to remedy the situation, but there is still a great deal to be done.

There are many groups in the New York City community working on the problem of discrimination. Although New York City lawyers have not done as much as they probably could and should have done in this area, they have recognized the problem



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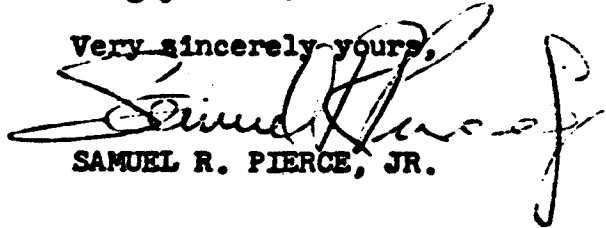
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and done some work on it. For example, many of the Bar Associations in the New York City area have civil rights committees which have done some good work in this field. Recently, as a result of the meeting the President called at the White House on June 21, Messrs. Herbert Brownell and Harrison Tweed have formed a special committee of the Bar Association of the City of New York to work out some precise ways for the New York City Bar to help solve the problem of discrimination in the New York City area. I have agreed to be a member of this group and will do everything I can to see that its activities are effective. ✓

It was a pleasure seeing you on June 21.

Very sincerely yours,



SAMUEL R. PIERCE, JR.

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Honorable Robert F. Kennedy  
Attorney General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

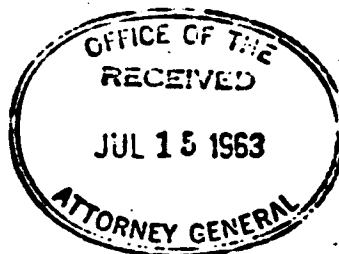
Thank you very much for your letter of June 28th. It was an honor to be invited to the White House conference of lawyers. I have written to Mr. Tweed and Mr. Segal offering my services on the action committee that is being formed, and will cooperate locally in the various avenues you mentioned to the extent of my ability. You have asked me to write you directly in answer to certain questions about race relations in my community. From certain areas of the country I am sure this will be a valuable source of information, but I think there is little or nothing I could add to what you already know about the situation in this city of Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

  
Glenn R. Winters

GRW/t

cc: Bernard G. Segal, Esq.  
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July 9, 1963

*Mr. Smith -  
I have been told  
a check is being  
made*

Mr. Robert Kennedy  
Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter of June 28, 1963. I am hopeful that the legal profession in Cleveland will cooperate in bringing about the voluntary elimination of discrimination to which you and the President have referred. There is a race-relations problem in Cleveland primarily in the employment and housing fields. The latter produces a substantial degree of natural segregation. Great strides have been made in the employment area and I am hopeful progress in this area can be accelerated. Progress in the housing area is difficult, but I am hopeful that here too we can see gradual improvement. There seems an increasing awareness in Cleveland of the problem and of the necessity for more rapid action than has taken place in the past. It seems particularly important to me that the lawyers participate in voluntary efforts so that their proper role of disapproving and discouraging unlawful acts will not be misinterpreted or unduly resented.

Sincerely yours,

*Seth Taft*  
Seth Taft

cc: Mr. Harrison Tweed  
Mr. Bernard F. Segal

JUL 30 1963

William E. Maddal, Esquire  
Bell, Boyd, Lloyd, Maddal & Burns  
135 South LaSalle Street  
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Dear Mr. Maddal:

Thank you for your letter of July 19.

We appreciate your offer of assistance on this problem of national concern. In view of your interest, we hope that you will contact Mr. Harrison Tused or Mr. Bernard Segal with regard to serving on the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights under Law.

Sincerely,



Attorney General



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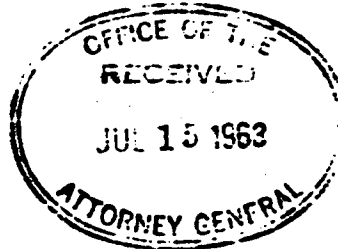
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**July 13, 1963**

**Mr. Robert F. Kennedy**  
**Attorney General**  
**Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**



**Dear Mr. Kennedy:**

**Re: Race-Relations Meeting at**  
**White House of June 21**

Pardon my delay in answering your letter of June 28, which was due to my absence from the office for several days.

I am sure I need not tell you that there is a race-relations problem in Chicago, as there is in nearly every large city. Nor do I believe that I can add much to your information about the nature of the problem or what can be done about it. However, I will make a few comments.

The discrimination here is the result of public attitudes and prejudices. These attitudes and prejudices will eventually change, of course; but they will change slowly. The way to speed up the change is to improve the education, and economic condition of the negro citizens, and perhaps their political power — although in Chicago that is already considerable. What the negroes need and lack in the north is not legal equality, which I believe they already have, but social acceptance; and such acceptance can be obtained for them only slowly and gradually, through such things as education, exhortation and example. And they themselves, of course, can help (or hurt) their cause by their own behavior.

Mr. Robert F. Kennedy

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Although I am very much in sympathy with your objectives and applaud your efforts, I am not sure there is much that I can do personally to help. By neither background nor temperament am I well suited for this sort of thing. However, I will continue to consider the subject, and if I find I can do anything useful along the lines suggested in your letter I will certainly do it.

Sincerely,

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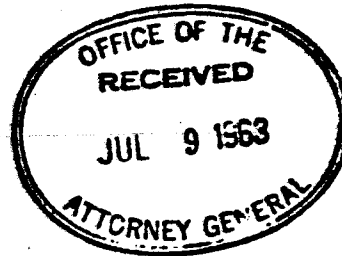
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July 6, 1963



Honorable Robert F. Kennedy  
United States Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Thank you for your letter of June 28th. The lawyers of this State were honored by your request that a representative of the West Virginia Bar Association attend the President's conference with representatives of legal groups throughout the country.

Since the meeting I have had the opportunity to review the items discussed with several members of the Executive Council of the Association and they have indicated a willingness to assist in accomplishing the goals outlined in your letter. The matter will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association to be held at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, on August 29th and 30th.

With reference to some of the questions raised in your letter, a few observations might be in order. There has been a public awareness of the problem in West Virginia for many years. As a consequence, desegregation of public facilities has followed an orderly course. This is not to say that improvements cannot be made and are not needed. In West Virginia, Governor Barron, by his executive orders, has assisted greatly. Judge Meredith, Judge of the Circuit Court of Marion County, West Virginia, has by Court Order entered approximately two years ago, made sure that the schools in this area were completely desegregated. From time to time leaders of the community have met with spokesmen for our Negro residents and problems raised by them have been solved by agreement of the parties interested.

At this time we do not feel that the formation of a bi-racial committee is necessary or wise, for it might provoke problems which actually do not exist. Community leaders are aware of the need for coordination of efforts and will constantly seek to find proper solutions before any overt action is taken.

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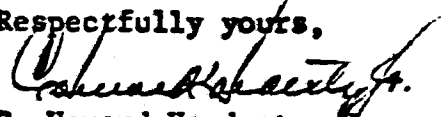
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July 6, 1963

After we have reviewed the contents of your letter and report on the White House Meeting at the Bar Association meeting, I shall immediately advise you of the response of the lawyers of this State.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Messrs. Harrison Tweed and Bernard G. Segal with an offer to be of such assistance as may be desired.

Respectfully yours,

  
C. Howard Hardesty, Jr.

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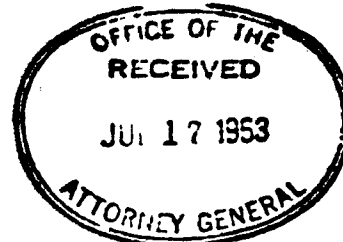
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July 12, 1963

Racial Relations Committee  
Hopewell, Virginia



Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of July 8, 1963.

As to the statement of purpose of this bi-racial committee you are entirely welcome to use it if it would be helpful in other communities. However, please do so without attribution.

Our committee does not have another meeting scheduled for another week. If the committee at that time has no objection to attribution, I will let you know. In the meantime, or in the event that it should not approve of attribution, I think it should be used if it will help with this difficult problem in other communities, though not attributed to Hopewell, Virginia.

The overcoming of doubts and fears of the white members was the great stumbling block to formation of this committee, and this statement of purpose has been helpful in getting beyond that.

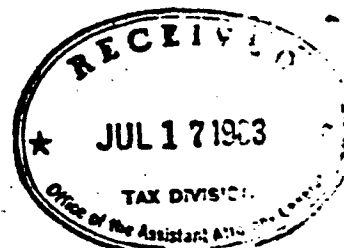
We have now indulged in the great American past time of subcommitteeing and have subcommittees to deal with various areas of segregation, such as city employees, hospitals and restaurants. We are trying to show progress in the less sensitive areas first and then take up the more thorny issues. With a record of some accomplishment under our belt, these later issues should become easier.

Very truly yours,

  
James G. Harrison

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The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy  
Attorney General of the United States  
Washington, D. C.



# Martin Theatres

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July 8, 1963

Mr. Louis F. Oberdorfer  
Asst. Attorney General  
United States Dept. of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Oberdorfer:

As requested in your letter of July 2, the theatres in Chattanooga desegregated on June 24 under a planned system which has been working out very nicely. We had one incident at our Cinerama Theatre as someone put a tear gas pellet in the aisle just before intermission and it was stepped on by some of the patrons and this caused a small disturbance as the theatre had to be cleared completely and aired out before the picture could resume.

The test period was to terminate this week and the theatres would be opened totally to anyone who desired to buy a ticket. I received a call this morning from Chattanooga that C O R E had undergone a re-organization in Chattanooga and they wanted to demonstrate in front of the theatre today. I cannot understand their thoughts in this direction as the theatres are already integrated and we will sell a ticket to anyone who wants to buy one. I was advised by one of our men in Chattanooga that C O R E was disappointed that the theatres were desegregated peacefully and they want some type of excuse to demonstrate.

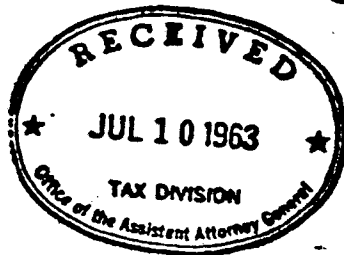
Also, I have received information that 40 restaurants, including Holiday Inns and Howard Johnsons, will desegregate on the 10th of July and that a newspaper ad will be run so notifying the public.

Sincerely yours,



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July 15, 1963

Harrison Tweed, Esq.  
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Bernard G. Segal, Esq.  
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Dear Mr. Tweed and Mr. Segal:

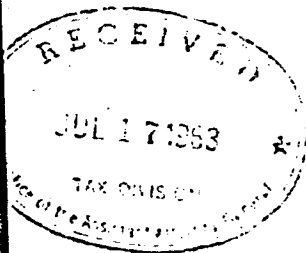
In connection with the President's Lawyers' Racial Communications Committee of which you are Chairmen, I am writing you as President of the American Arbitration Association. Mr. Whitney North Seymour, Chairman of our Law Committee, tells me that he has spoken briefly about this Committee with Mr. Tweed.

As I understand your mission, your Committee seeks "peaceful solutions" to the racial conflicts which are creating violence and tensions during this long summer.

The American Arbitration Association has been used before to achieve orderly settlement of seemingly irreconcilable controversies involving hostile parties. I refer to the voluntary arbitration of labor disputes arising out of collective bargaining agreements, today almost unanimously accepted by unions and by management.

It would be disappointing if the Association were not alert to provide a similar contribution to race relations. In fact our Executive Committee recently considered the matter and determined that, where possible, voluntary arbitration should be offered to parties in disputes involving allegations of discrimination.

May I suggest that your Committee consider utilization of the Association's facilities, including 13 regional offices throughout



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the United States and a National Panel of Arbitrators in 1960 cities, as a Bar sponsored "peaceful solution" to these vital disputes? Such a program might also involve local merchant associations, especially those that have already organized bi-racial committees. The benefits of voluntary arbitration, in such disputes, are privacy, speed and economy. Publicity is not often desired by the discrimination claimant and is seldom advantageous to the businessman.

The details as to special procedures for handling such disputes, the selection of appropriate arbitrators and the financial support of the program may be worked out as the program develops.

If you desire further information or wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Straus  
President

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cc: Hon. Robert F. Kennedy  
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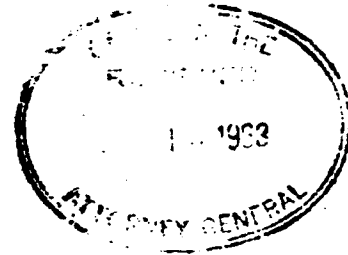
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Honorable Robert F. Kennedy,  
Attorney General of the United States,  
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Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Thank you very kindly for your good letter of June 28, 1963, following President Kennedy's conference at the White House on June 21. I appreciate very much receiving the list of those who attended the conference, for it was not possible to meet but a few of those present during the conference itself. I feel honored to have been included in those invited to the conference and to have had the opportunity to hear the discussion of the problem at firsthand.

Here in West Virginia, as I am sure you know, the civil rights problem has not been very troublesome. Integration has taken place rather uneventfully, except for a few spots, but even in those places there have been no incidents to attract particular attention.

The West Virginia State Bar, of which I am President, is an Integrated Bar, to which all lawyers must belong in order to be permitted to practice. All who meet the statutory qualifications for admission to the practice of law in this State are eligible to membership. Accordingly, the question of race does not arise, and we have among our members lawyers of the colored race.

We have an annual meeting for our membership, usually held in the month of October. For the convenience of the members, the place of meeting is changed from year to year to different parts of the State. The meeting this year is scheduled for early October at Bluefield, West Virginia, this being the first time we are to meet there. Several weeks ago, we learned that some of the housing facilities upon which we counted would not be available to our members of the colored race. Our

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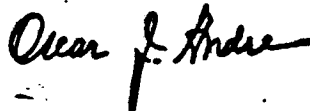
executive committee promptly met and decided unanimously that if that situation were not corrected, we would not hold our meeting there. We notified the local committee accordingly. In the meantime, we made tentative arrangements to meet elsewhere. The result has been that the situation has been corrected, and we have recently been informed that the facilities would be open to all. Consequently, we shall proceed with our meeting there as originally scheduled.

I feel that this is an incident about which you would want to be informed.

Generally speaking, our race relations here are comparatively harmonious and we shall attempt to keep them that way.

Shortly after receiving your letter, I received one from Mr. Harrison Tweed and Mr. Bernard G. Segal of the lawyers' committee appointed by the President. I am writing to them, offering the assistance of our organization in this project.

Sincerely yours,

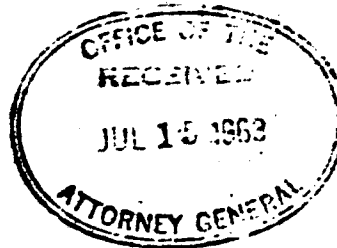


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Honorable Robert F. Kennedy  
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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I have already indicated to Messrs. Tweed and Segal that I shall be glad to serve on the committee which they are organizing. Insofar as the local situation is concerned, a great deal of what you suggest has already been accomplished. There is a state-wide bi-racial committee and, in many communities, there are local committees serving a similar function. In general these committees have been very effective in working out voluntary programs, although we have a spectacular failure in Cambridge.

Here in Baltimore there has been trouble with an amusement park, which is not within the scope of our recently enacted public accommodations bill, but this is the subject of litigation now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States, and until that litigation has been disposed of there is nothing which lawyers can do.

Finally, I am informed that the President of our Maryland State Bar Association has appointed a committee, the purpose of which is to carry out the general objectives which you have outlined in your letter of June 28th.

I feel obliged to add that I am deeply disturbed about the rising emotional tension in this State. Since the opinion in the Brown case, we have made great progress toward removing discriminations against the Negro race and public opinion has supported these changes. The recent enactment by the Maryland State Legislature of a public accommodations bill is

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indicative of this. I am sorry to say that I think the atmosphere has changed materially in the last few weeks. Latent prejudices are being stirred, and public opinion appears to be shifting toward resistance to further advances. I am afraid it is going to be very important for some of us with cooler heads to keep out of the fray so as to be in a position to bind up the wounds which are being inflicted by unwise actions.

Yours sincerely,

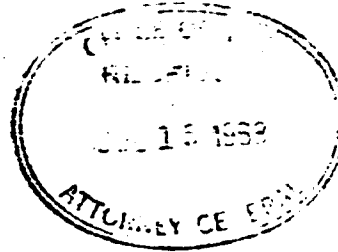
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**THE MISSOURI BAR**

**July 11, 1963**

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Hon. Robert F. Kennedy  
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

I thank you for your letter of June 28, 1963 relative to our meeting with the President and Vice President and yourself in Washington last month. I assure you that it was a pleasure to be there and to take part in the proceeding.

With respect to the situation here in Missouri, I can assure you from the standpoint of the Missouri Bar that we are doing everything that we possibly can to relieve any racial intolerance, prejudice or inequality as to civil rights. The Missouri Bar is fully integrated and colored lawyers are in places of importance on several committees of the Missouri Bar.

Here in Kansas City I happen to be a Police Commissioner and we have established a civil rights commission which is in the nature of a liaison between the colored areas and the Police Department, and considerable progress is being made along that line. Also the city has a Human Relations Commission which is doing good work for the city. All in all, I feel that we are making considerable progress here in Kansas City along the lines suggested by the President, and we will continue to do what we can to improve the situation.

Hon. Robert F. Kennedy

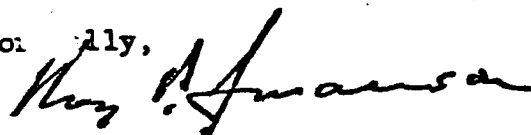
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We are all looking forward to seeing you on next September 26th at which time, as you know, you will be addressing the annual meeting of the Missouri Bar here in Kansas City.

Best regards.

Cordially,

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Roy P. Swanson

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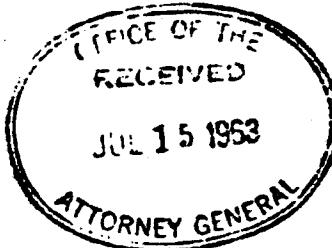
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**The Honorable Robert Kennedy  
Attorney General of the United States  
Washington, D. C.**



**Dear Mr. Attorney General:**

I apologize for the unavoidable delay in answering your letter of June 28, 1963, concerning the meeting of lawyers at the White House on June 21st.

I was much impressed by the meeting and the remarks of the President, the Vice President and the Attorney General. I have volunteered to serve on the Lawyers' Committee For Civil Rights Under Law, under the chairmanship of my old friends, Harrison Tweed and Bernard G. Segal. I hope that the lawyers, through that committee, can assist the Administration in eliminating unjust discrimination because of race.

It is my observation that much progress has been made in the use of good will to produce results in lieu of the use of force.

In my volunteering to serve on the Tweed - Segal Committee, I entered a caveat as follows:

"Caveat: My joining the Lawyers' Committee For Civil Rights Under Law, like my joining in the statement of the forty-six lawyers, lends my support to law and order and respect for the courts and their judgments on the law. It signifies my support of the President and my Governor, Terry Sanford, in encouraging the razing of racial barriers through decency and good will and discouraging disrupting demonstrations. It does not commit me to support the distortion of the brown case, as in New York, where the Board of Education is deliberately forcing white children into the Negro schools and vice versa, for no other purpose but forcing association. This is discriminating against white children because of race. Civil rights are not for Negroes alone. It does not commit me to support Federal legislation forcing integration in private business. One restaurant in Rocky Mount on a prominent street but within a block of a garment factory employing Negroes only, opened

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its doors and is flooded by these employees, leaving no room for its old customers. If, in self-preservation, the proprietor should choose to resume the selection of his customers, he should not be sent to a Federal prison.. Many restaurants here are open and find that after the first day it makes little difference. They will remain open. Employment opportunities are opening up. Two banks and one savings and loan institution here have negro personnel. I have to reserve my judgment on the Civil Rights Bill now pending in Congress.

With great respect, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Francis E. Winslow

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cc: Mr. Harrison Tweed

cc: Mr. Bernard G. Segal